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**REMARKS**

This paper is responsive to the Office Action of April 1, 2008. Examination and allowance of all are requested.

**Election**

The applicants elect Group I, drawn to a vacuum pump, *with traverse*. It is submitted that claims 1-15 are all drawn to the same combination, particularly a vacuum pump.

Claims 1 and 11 both call for the same combination of elements, particularly an operating unit and a pump unit. Further, each calls for the pump unit and the operating unit to have transceiver modules. Claim 11 differs from claim 1 in that it sets forth the details of the operating unit and the pump unit more specifically. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 1 and claim 11 differ in breadth, but do not differ as a combination and subcombination. Claim 11 has been amended to claim the pump unit and the operating unit in the same order as they are claimed in claim 1.

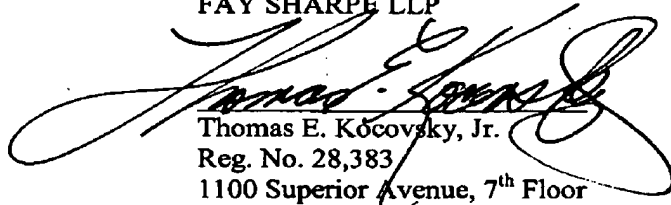
Further, the applicants elect Group IA, *with traverse*. It is submitted that claims 1-7 and 11-15 belong to the elected Group.

This application is a national stage entry of a PCT application. In the PCT application, claims 1 and 8 met the standards for unity of invention. Indeed, even from a cursory review of claims 1 and 8, it will be seen that a complete search for the elected apparatus claims will also, per force, be a complete search for the method claims. Accordingly, it is submitted that the Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn and that all claims should be examined and allowed.

An early allowance of all claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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